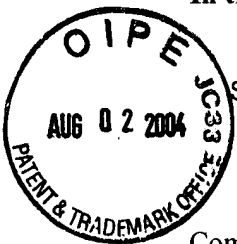


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Responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed 7/21/2004, Applicant submits the following in complete response thereto, and requests reconsideration of the Claims presented.

Applicant hereby submits replacement for the section titled "In the Claims," pages 6-8 in the previous response, with the sole change being the designation of Claim 12 as "(original)".

Applicant has responded to each and every rejection and urges that the Claims as presented are in condition for allowance. Applicant requests expeditious processing to issuance.

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